

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center

July Population Update
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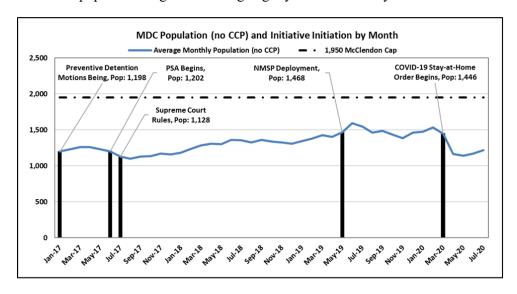
Criminal Justice Reforms and the Jail Population

Quick Population Figures	July 2019	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020
On-Site Average Male Population	1,260	958	995	1,069
On-Site Average Female Population	277	178	174	144
On-Site Average Infirmary	8	5	4	6
On-Site Average Daily Population	1,545	1,141	1,173	1,219
Average Community Custody Program	82	65	53	42
Average Total Jail Population (w/CCP)	1,627	1,206	1,226	1,261
Monthly Bookings	2,320	1,265	1,125	1,369
Bookings Ages 18-24	386	210	158	200
Monthly Releases	2,499	1,193	1,101	1,382
Average Length of Stay (in Days)	25.8	30.6	27.2	28.8
Total Consecutive Days 1,950 or Less	2,089			

Report Highlights

- Bookings increased 21.7% and releases increased 25.5% from June to July 2020, while length of stay (LOS) increased 5.9%.
- The MDC on-site population increased 3.9% from 1,173 in June 2020 to 1,219 in July 2020.

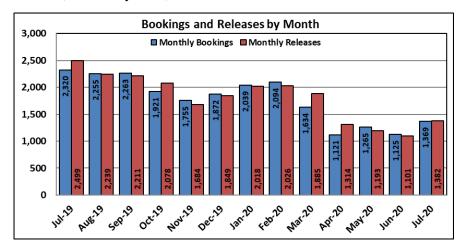
- In March 2020, the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic began to spread nationwide. The governor of New Mexico issued the Stay-At-Home Order on March 24, 2020 and the MDC restricted visitations. These events coincide with the large decrease in the jail population beginning in March 2020 and continuing through April and May.
- The MDC on-site population began increasing slightly in June and July 2020.



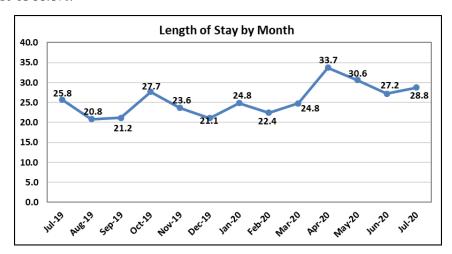
^{*} Monthly averages slightly higher due to rounding.

Booking, Releases, and Length of Stay

- Jail population is affected by two factors: how many people are booked and how long they stay.
- From June to July 2020, bookings increased 21.7%, from 1,125 bookings in June to 1,369 bookings in July. Releases also increased, from 1,101 in June to 1,382 in July, a 25.5% increase.
- Bookings and releases in July 2020 were much lower than in July 2019. There were 2,320 bookings in July 2019 and 1,369 in July 2020, a 41.0% decrease. There were 2,499 releases in July 2019 and 1,382 in July 2020, a 44.7% decrease.



• The LOS in July 2020 was 28.8 days, 1.6 days more than the LOS of 27.2 in June 2020, an increase of 5.9%. The LOS in July 2020 was 3 days higher than the LOS of 25.8 in July 2019, an increase of 11.6%.



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